

MR. SPEAKER.—Now I call Sri Nagappa to put his question.

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—You are very unfair. You are not giving me sufficient time to put questions whereas in other cases you give more time.

2-00 P.M.

Promotional vacant posts in Agricultural Department

665. SRI B. A. MOHIDEEN (Bantwal).—Will the Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of promotional posts kept vacant in the Department of Agriculture;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping these vacant posts for such a long period;

(c) whether Government is aware that this will deprive the Agriculturists of proper directions and stall the work of the Department;

(d) if so, whether the Government would take early steps to fill the vacancies?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(a) The total number of promotional posts vacant in the Department is 208.

The details are as follows :

Asst. Agricul. Officers	...	140
Asst. Directors of Agriculture	...	45
Deputy Directors of Agriculture	...	12
Joint Directors of Agriculture	...	3
Administrative Assistants/Assistant Accounts Officers	...	8
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(b) The posts of Assistant Agricultural Officers, Assistant Directors of Agriculture, Deputy Directors of Agriculture and Joint Directors of Agriculture could not be filled up in view of the stay orders of the High Court. In respect of Administrative Assistants Assistant Accounts Officers the vacancies could not be filled up as there were no eligible candidates.

(c) Yes. Hence Government have taken action to make incharge arrangements for all vacant posts to see that the Agriculturists are not deprived of the assistance and guidance of the officers.

(d) Yes. Action has already been initiated to fill up the above vacant posts.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ವಿ. ವೇಳೆಹಿಡಿ ಎನ್ :—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ನನ್ನ (ಕೆ) ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಗಿ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಚೇಂಲ್ತಂಡ ಬಾಲ ಹಂಡೆಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತೀ ವಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಕಾಗಳೆಲೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಈ ಸಲುಂಧರದ್ದೀ ಏನೇನು ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತಾವು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ತಿಳಿಯುಬಿಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಚೌ. ರಂಗನಾಥ್ :—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಲ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಜಾಗಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತೀ ವಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ವಿ. ವೇಳೆಹಿಡಿ ಎನ್ :—ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇ ಅದ್ದು. ಕ್ಷಮಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಲ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಜಾಗಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತೀ ವಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನೇನು ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳಬಹುದೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಚೌ. ರಂಗನಾಥ್ :—ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಬಾಲ ಜಾಗಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತೀ ವಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Export of Forest Eucalyptus Fuel outside Kolar District

679 SRI M. ABDUL LATHEEF (Kolar)—Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to supply Eucalyptus fuel to the Mysore Paper Mills Ltd., Bhadravathi from Kolar Forest Area;

(b) whether the Government intend not to export Forest Eucalyptus fuel outside Kolar District, in view of the high cost of fuel for local consumption?

SRI G. RAME GOWDA (Minister for Food and Forests)—

(a) In the G. O. No. FFD 211 FDP 77, dated 19th August 1977, the Mysore Paper Mills Ltd., Bhadravathi has been allotted 88,000 tonnes of Eucalyptus per annum. For extraction of the allotted quantity of eucalyptus wood by the Mysore Paper Mills Ltd, the plantations raised from 1969 onwards in Bangalore Circle and Shimoga Circle (with exception of Joldhal Block) have been allotted. Kolar Forest Division comes under the jurisdiction of Bangalore Circle.

(b) In view of reply to clause (a) this question does not arise.

SRI ABDUL LATHEEF :—May I know the price?